

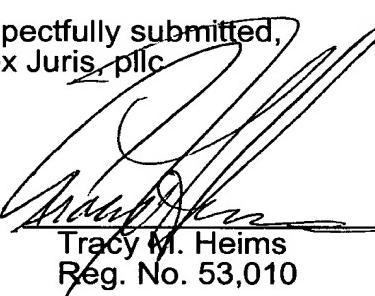
REMARKS

Applicant notes that claims 1 and 31 among the elected claims are generic as asserted by the Examiner at page 6 of the previous Restriction Requirement mailed on October 1, 2002.

Please note that applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected, withdrawn embodiments of the instant invention at any time during the pendency of the present application.

It is submitted that the present application is now in condition for examination on its merits, and action to that effect is earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiners discover matters, which might be resolved by further discussion, they are invited to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

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